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CHAIRMAN OF THE US DELEGATION, UN CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

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1. THE EMBASSY WELCOMES FATHER HESBURGH'S VISIT.
2. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER JOHN SPILLANE, WHO WILL BE
CONTROL OFFICER FOR THE VISIT, SPOKE WITH L.C.A. DE S. WIJESINGHE,
ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SRI LANKA NATIONAL SCIENCE COUNCIL,
WHO SAID HE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO CONSULT WITH FATHER HESBURGH
REGARDING UNCSTD. WIJESINGHE SUGGESTED THAT FATHER HESBURGH ALSO
MEET WITH THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO ARE KEY PARTICIPANTS IN THE
PREPARATION OF SRI LANKA'S NATIONAL PAPER:

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3. AS REFTEL STATES THAT FATHER HESBURGH WILL BE MAKING SEPARATE APPOINTMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY/EDUCATION RELATED DISCUSSIONS, NO SPECIFIC ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE AS YET WITH THE ABOVE INDIVIDUALS. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT DAYS DURING HIS VISIT FATHER HESBURGH WOULD PREFER WE SCHEDULE MEETINGS. IF DESIRED, AN INFORMAL GROUP MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED.
 4. SRI LANKA S NATIONAL PAPER IS STILL IN PREPARATION. A WORKSHOP, CHAIRED BY DR. KALPAGE, MET JUNE 6 TO COORDINATE SUBMISSIONS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR AGENCIES. A FINAL DRAFT OF THE PAPER IS EXPECTED TO BE READY BY THE END OF JUNE.
 5. ACCOMMODATIONS AND A RENTAL CAR HAVE BEEN ARRANGED. CONTROL OFFICER WILL MEET AT THE AIRPORT.
 6. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE HOW AND WHEN FATHER HESBURGH WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH UNCSTD FOCAL POINTS. IN ORDER TO MAKE THE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF FATHER HESBURGH S TIME IN SRI LANKA, WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF NAMES, TIMES, AND LOCATIONS OF ALL APPOINTMENTS ARRANGED DIRECTLY.
- LEVIN

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